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MILFORD CENTER HISTORIC WALK

Milford, CT

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Directions and Parking:

This area can be reached via Route 1 (Bridgeport Avenue). On-street parking is located within Milford Center with various time limitations. Alternatively, parking is located behind Milford Library or at Lisman Landing Marina. Alternatively, Milford Center train station is located adjacent to this walk and the area is easily accessible via the Metro-North railway on the New Haven Line. Check <http://www.mta.nyc.ny.us/mnr/> for fares and schedules.

Permitted Activities:

Dogs are allowed on public streets and sidewalks on leash. Please bag and pick up any dog waste.

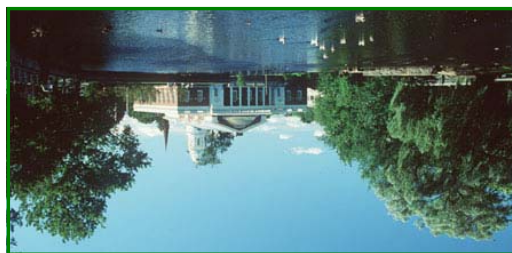
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Connecticut's sixth oldest city, Milford was founded in 1639 when the area was purchased from Asantawae, chief sachem of the Paugusset Tribe. The Milford Center Historic Walk weaves around the Wepawaug River and is approximately 2-3 miles depending on your route. Sites include:

1. Bryan-Downs House (1780). Extensive remodels made in 1897.
2. Ellis-Stow House (1700). Milford's oldest house.
3. The Stockade House (1750). Includes parts of original house from 1659.
4. Lisman Landing Marina
5. Head of the Harbor
6. Simon Lake's Explorer Submarine
7. Hotchkiss Footbridge. Connects the Marina and Fowler Field.
8. Memorial Bridge (1889). Stone bridge and tower commemorating the town's history and founders.



9. Milford Green (1639). Second longest in New England. Multiple monuments.

10. Henry Taylor Library (1893). The original library now houses the Milford Chamber of Commerce.

11. St. Peter's Episcopal Church (1857). Three Governors are buried here: Treat, Law, and Pond. A detailed burial map is at the cemetery office.

12. Old Cemetery (1642). Part of the structure was formerly the City's police station.

13. Court House. (1931).

14. City Hall (re-built 1916) Modeled after Thomas Jefferson's home—Monticello. The site includes a scenic duck pond, waterfall, and memorial monuments.

15. Diane S. Toulson Building (1909). This Beaux-Arts building originally constructed as a High School is now senior housing.

16. Governor's Monument. Memorial to Robert Treat, Jonathan Law and Charles Hobby Pond.

17. Peter Prudden's House and Original Milford Burial site. Plaque on site.

18. Parson's Complex Government Center (1951). Originally Milford High School. A plaque marking George Washington's visit to Milford on November 11, 1789 is located in front. Stopping for a breakfast of milk and bread at the Ye Old Clark Tavern, he found the service tableware unsatisfactory. A spoon was borrowed next door from the Rev. William Lockwood's wife's wedding silver.

19. First United Church of Christ (1822-23) Congregation organized by Peter Prudden in 1639. Site of the first meeting house.

20. Plymouth Building (1951-52). Church division led to organization of a second church or Plymouth Church on this site in 1741 by Job Prudden. The two churches reunited in 1926 and this building is now used as the educational center.

21. Samuel Durand House Site (1725)

22. Buckingham House (1640) Extensively remodelled in 1753.

23. Mary Hepburn Smith House (1850's). Italianate-style mansion. Smith created the City's duck pond.

24. Thomas Sanford House (1789). Double Dutch style.

25. John Downs House (1790).

26. Kissing Bridge. The original bridge was a covered bridge.

27. Rev. Samuel Andrew House (1801). Greek Revival style. Home of Abigail Treat, daughter of Governor Treat.

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